

**TOPIC OF DISCUSSION: 2011 BUDGET WORKSHOP**

Mayor Fatcher called the meeting to order.

Councilmembers in attendance were: Fatcher, Webb, Roberson, Schimmel, Myers, and McDaniel. Councilmember Karnofski was absent.

City Manager Dennis Richards gave a power point presentation of the 2011 budget. He indicated going through the budget process would be difficult due to the proposed preliminary 2011 budget deficit amounting to \$1,267,526. Anticipated increases for 2011 were estimated at \$830,024. There are reduced revenues in investment interest, retail sales tax, real estate excise tax, and gambling taxes.

Department Heads were asked to balance their 2011 budgets utilizing the preliminary deficit figures, speculating a twenty percent decrease. The potential cuts were presented to Council showing what a twenty percent decrease would mean to the various departments.

Various proposed cuts, with a savings of approximately \$962,985.22, were discussed. Possible solutions to lower the deficit are as follows:

- Incorporate a Transportation District
- Incorporate a Park District
- Incorporate a Library District
- Discontinue Animal Control Services
- Reduce the Overlay Project
- Early Retirement Buyout Options
- Offer Medical Insurance Benefit Cash Out

Lengthy Council discussion followed. It was the consensus of the Council to hold another workshop on October 5<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 p.m. to give them some time to digest the information.

Mayor Fatcher adjourned the special meeting at 6:10 p.m.

  
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